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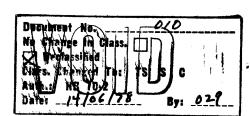
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- 1. The organization department of the Communist Farty of Austria, acting on Cominform orders, changed membership cards in January 1950.
- "Annual meetings" to issue such cards wereheld by all district boards and local groups. Fending disciplinary examination, party mambers challenged by the party committee were given identity cards instead of membership
- 3. Memorts submitted to the central committee by the regional boards indicated that no more than 70 percent of the members attended the maetings. Most reports complained that 40 purcent of the party members well inactive and that a great many did not even subscribe to the party press. Activists who worked l'aithfully for the party organization were commanded at all annual meetings. New sections were organized and cells were created. These nowly established or anization: I units (cells, local groups) are smaller and have fewer members.
- 4. Br. Altmann, chief of the organization department of the Communist Party of Austria, said he hoped to min 20,000 to 30,000 more party activists throughout Austria as a result of this reorganization, on which the party spent 94,000 Austrian shillings. He added that it will now be the job of the organization department to weld party members and party functionaries into a flawless party machine so that and directives and decisions by the Central Committee and the regional boards may be forwarded immediately to even the smallest cells. They also plan to bring cells, sections and county, district, and provincial boards into closer contact with the Central Commit-

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